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FOUR KILLED WHEN STILL EXPLODES DESCHANEL IS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF FRANCE

POLITICAL ENEMY OF THE "TIGER"

Withdrawal of Clemenceau
Election of Rival As-
sured.

(STAFF CORRESPONDENT L. N. SERVICE)

NEWTON C. PARKER
PARIS, Jan. 17.—Paul Deschanel, veteran president of the chamber of deputies and political enemy of Premier Clemenceau, was elected president of the French republic today, succeeding Raymond Poincaré. Mr. Clemenceau had withdrawn his candidacy when it became apparent that factions of the radical and conservative parties were determined to oppose him and support M. Deschanel.

Election Concluded.
Premier Clemenceau's failure to win a full following in the first round of the contest with Deschanel made it virtually certain that the latter would be elected to succeed President Poincaré.

Following the withdrawal of Mr. Clemenceau as a candidate, his friends and political supporters began to look around for some one to defeat M. Deschanel. It was reported that the supporters of the premier would give their aid to M. Jonnard. The supporters of Louis Pains and Leon Bourgeois, the French league of nations expert, made strong bids for the Clemenceau followers.

"Tiger" Will Retire.
The "Tiger" said he had definitely finished with public life and would immediately retire to his estate to write his memoirs. The book will deal especially with the war period. It is said that he will not have any further active connection with his newspaper, L'Homme, either.

E. CHICAGO LEGION HAS BEST SESSION YET LAST EVENING
The best attendance of any meeting at the East Chicago Post of the American Legion was the success which attended the calling of the Legion meeting last night in Indiana Harbor. Much routine business was disposed of and a great deal was made for the next year. The social side of the Legion will be developed with a dance starting the second night within a few weeks. A committee headed by Sidney Muller, was given full authority to decide when, where and how often the dances should be given. A membership drive was discussed but it was decided that individual efforts of the different members would be more effective and less costly at the present time than would a concerted movement. A national drive is contemplated for early in the spring and the East Chicago post will wait until that time to make the surprise effort.

GARY PROMISED PLENTY OF GAS

Residents will not have to worry about low gas pressure after the first of April according to officials of the Gary Heat, Light & Water company today. On that date improvements will be complete which will enable the company to furnish gas to meet the demands of a city of 200,000 inhabitants. The new improvements will cost in the neighborhood of \$300,000.

The improvement is in the form of new boilers, purifying equipment and a monster gas container. The boilers and the purifying equipment have been installed. It is not expected that the gas container will be ready before the first part of April.

The new gas container will be a monster, according to Vice President Leonard Fitzgerald of the Gary Heat, Light & Water company. When completed it will be one of the largest in the middle west. It will reach its feet in height, the highest structure in the city. It will be 14 feet wide and will hold 2,000,000 cubic feet of gas. The old container erected twelve years ago only holds 250,000 cubic feet of gas.

FINDING WHO IS THE CHECKER KING
Elimination contests are now being held in the checker tournament which is in progress at the Gary Y. M. C. A. Each man will play four games with every other player and the one who wins the largest number of games will be crowned checker king of the steel city. Entries have not been closed and all are invited to play.

CELEBRATED BIRTHDAY BY BUYING STORE.

Today was August Kamradt's birthday and he celebrated by buying out the interest of Mrs. John Kamradt in the furniture store at 138 E. State st., Hammond. By plunking down \$16,000 he now becomes sole owner of the well-known store.

By intensified methods the firm has



AUGUST KAMRADT.

created a high class, successful furniture business, doing business with people in the entire Lake county, West Hammond, Riverdale, Dolton, Hegewisch and many other Illinois towns.

This firm has established a name for the best of the market affords and a square deal to everyone.

In fact the business has been so prosperous that Mr. Kamradt refused \$25,000 for a half interest in the business.

Mr. August Kamradt is a public-spirited citizen and a strong booster for Hammond. His creed of do unto others as you would have them do unto you has made him thousands of friends.

GARY NOW HAS SIXTY "FLU" CASES
Steps Taken To Prevent Further Spreading of The Disease

With over sixty cases of Spanish influenza reported to the health department in Gary, Mayor W. F. Hodges took steps yesterday to prevent the spreading of the disease.

In fear of another sweeping epidemic of the flu, Mayor Hodges instructed City Sanitary Inspector Thomas M. Porter to notify every physician in the city that they must immediately report all cases of the malady within their knowledge. The sixty-five cases were reported by nine local physicians in the past nine days including eighteen new cases which were reported yesterday.

"There are fifty-one physicians in the city," said Mayor Hodges, "and it is quite evident that many are failing to report their cases of flu."

The law requires physicians to report these cases and according to the mayor, he will enforce the law, which provides penalties for the failure to make such reports.

A great many of the cases reported are in the old town of Miller. There are a large number of cases in Gary proper and the number is increasing with alarming rapidity. It is estimated that there are in the neighborhood of two hundred cases in the city.

As a preventative measure influenza cases are to be quarantined and all methods possible are to be adopted to prevent the spread of the contagion. As yet no cases of the disease have been reported in Gary from the contagion.

According to a number of Gary physicians today they state that the flu is not in a severe form as it was a year ago and if victims take good care of themselves and have the attendance of a physician they have no cause to worry. Those who suffered from the disease last year are not as susceptible but are advised to be on their guard.

DID YOU HEAR THAT

THE little burg of Black Oak is satisfied now. It broke into the front page of the big newspapers by having an airplane land there.

IT'S funny how many Crown Pointers have come to Hammond and taken the lead in things. Now take Doc Weiss for instance.

YOU'VE got to hand it to Old Mel Monnett for hanging on to the best location in town, even if they did boost the rent to the sky.

IT'S a dull day at Indianapolis when the secretary of state doesn't announce something in the industrial line from Hammond—new incorporation, increase in capital, change of name or dissolution to form something bigger.

ATTY. JOE CONROY and Doc Clark are planning to establish a sanitarium for giving some sort of treatment by injection of germs or something like that. It means perpetual youth—but let "Little Joe" tell about it.

EDITOR F. A. FAIRY, who is taking it easy at Corpus Christi, writes that he is gaining strength daily and feels better than he has in a long time.

MAYOR BROWN like Sara Bernhardt is to make one more farewell appearance. He has just been informed that he can have another carload of government food.

JOHN HAAK, one of THE TIMES' stereotypes is a lucky cuss. While cleaning a dark corner of his department this morning he unearthed a long-hidden bottle of Matt Hubbard's Sterling beer. He let everybody take a look at it, but never once took his hand from it.

TOMMY TAYLOR, Fred Ebert and C. Bates have special invitations for a private bout tonight.

NEVER in the sport history of the Calumet region have so many basketball teams been in the field. At least three leagues are in swing and every team is playing first-class basketball.

WILLIAM THOMAS of the Simplex called up the other day and swore that he saw a flock of geese going north and that spring was near. Of course, it is impossible to smell a man's sweat over the phone so we love his word for it.

CHIEF Peter Austen says the only thing wrong with our story about the Lake George fish was that we failed to tell about the dog fish barking at Jimmy Trest and snapping at his foot.

AUDITOR Mac Poland cops off the greater part of the space in this issue of THE TIMES and any fellow who has the patience to compile that list of over \$2,000 worth of delinquents deserves the publicity that he will get.

SOME of the Hammond bowlers are saving up their dough for the A. B. C. tournament at DePaul.

OTTO VAN BORSTEL of Hammond, and formerly an ad man on the Gary Post, is now one of THE TIMES family.

EVERY Saturday Tom Morris, our bachelor preman, dashes over to the bank. Looks like Tom might get married.

OTTO HERHOLD, one of Hammond's carpenter contractors is contemplating a trip to Cuba to visit his brother. What?

FRANK O'ROURKE is still being kidded over the mistake which the head waitress made at the Lyndora hotel in seating him at the Standard Steel Car Co. banquet instead of the Jackson Club lunch in the next room. Frank was looking for a proletariat gathering and instead landed among the bourgeois.

HAMMOND is to enjoy the greatest building boom in its history this year from present indications. It now looks as though everybody was planning to build something.

IT is said a proposal is soon to be laid before the city council asking that an ordinance be passed prohibiting the erection of buildings under two stories on Holman, State and Sibley streets in the business district. Such action would in time result in great improvement of the city's appearance.

PAT REILLEY has many happy years ahead of him if there is anything in the gospel of exercise and plenty of fresh air. In his work as a landscaper he covers miles of territory every day and does it on his feet too.

Gerhardt Kuntz who works in the F. S. Betz offices, has the rest of the fellows green with envy since he has been sporting that new detachable choker for collar.

THRIFT SMOKER AT GARY Y. M. C. A.
"Thrift" was the subject at a big smoker which was held at the Y. M. C. A. in Gary last night when plans for the coming Thrift week campaign was explained by the speakers and the workings were given final instructions as to their duties.

More than a thousand invitations have been sent out and a large crowd covering every walk of life attended. Besides the speeches, there was an excellent vaudeville program rendered by Chicago talent.

The Times' want ads bring astonishing results if their users are effort an furnish.

MAY EXHUME OTHER BODIES IN "MUSTARD MURDER" CASE



Dr. A. J. Freudenberg, Mrs. Nettie Duffies and the Duffies home.

Police officials of Marquette, Wis., are working on the theory that the arrest of Dr. A. J. Freudenberg may solve the mystery surrounding the death of at least one other member of his wife's family. Dr. Freudenberg is charged with killing his mother-in-law, Mrs. Nettie Duffies, who died November 1, last year, by injecting a solution of mustard into her bladder. Mrs. Duffies' second husband, Alfred, died two years ago. Police are planning to exhume his body and the bodies of other members of the family who



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have died within the last three years. Mrs. Duffies left an estate valued at half a million dollars to her daughter. Although Mrs. Minnie Willard, a nurse, testified before the coroner's jury that Mrs. Freudenberg told her she believed the doctor was responsible for her mother's death, Mrs. Freudenberg now says she will devote the entire fortune willed her in clearing her husband.

GRAB STILL IN RAID ON FARM NEAR HAMMOND

Revenue Men and Hammond Police Take One in Operation.

Revenue men, led by Capt. Strong of the Hammond police, yesterday caught Steve Popple and Tom Lester red-handed in the act of operating a still on the farm of Joe Gasparovich, about three miles south of Hammond. The still is of more than ordinary capacity and in ten hours operation could turn out about twenty gallons of very good whiskey. About forty gallons of the finished product were confiscated.

Lester appeared to be the owner of the still for the apparatus delivered at the farm. The still was delivered in a load of hay a few days before the first of the year. Neither man would admit of selling any whiskey and said that they did not have any prospective customers.

When the officers tried to gain admittance to the farm house they received no response and only after they had picked open a window did they succeed in arousing Popple, who was seated in the parlor afraid to move. After a thorough search Lester was discovered locked in a closet.

Both men refused to give their names until interviewed by Deputy Marshal Mybeck this afternoon. They gave their address as 1009 Washington st., Gary.

MAN, INJURED AT STANDARD, DIES

John P. Anderson, 52 years old, died at St. Margaret's hospital Friday from injuries which he received while employed at the Standard Steel Car plant in Hammond Tuesday, Jan. 13th. Mr. Anderson had for the past eighteen years been a resident of Indiana Harbor, his home being at 5206 Grapevine street. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Anna M. Anderson, and three sons, Arthur, William and Walter.

The funeral will be held Monday afternoon from the Swedish Lutheran church at 2 o'clock. Rev. Hans Ostrom will be in charge. The remains may be viewed at the home of the son, 5019 Ivy street, tomorrow.

SAYS W. G. McADOO WILL BE IN RACE

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS.
(STAFF CORRESPONDENT L. N. SERVICE)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—William G. McAdoo will be a candidate for the presidency. This positive assertion was made here today by a friend of the former secretary of the treasury and one of the "timers" of the McAdoo circle in New York.

"McAdoo," said this friend, "is merely playing good politics in keeping his home in Indiana. His name will be brought forward in due time, never fear, and the San Francisco convention next June will have ample occasion to pronounce it. You can bet your last copper upon that."

Candy Ring Brings \$2 At Auction

In less than an hour after the police auction sale of stolen and recovered goods started this morning every article had been sold and some of them two or three times. The sale netted the police about \$200.

One ring which had been taken from a stick of candy and had been shined and polished thoroughly brought \$2.00 for the find. One kiddie paid \$11 for a horse blanket and a few minutes later sold it for \$10. Most of the articles sold at high prices, the only article which sold at much below value being a new 35-hp. fire, which sold for \$25.

ANDERSON QUILTS PRESIDENCY OF STEEL COUNCIL

Man Who Engineered Big Strike at Gary Succeeded By Verhagen.

Oscar Anderson, the man that engineered the big steel strike in Gary, has resigned as president of the Gary Steel Council, according to an announcement made by that body yesterday. He is to be succeeded by R. J. Verhagen, vice president of the steel council.

According to Mr. Anderson, he has no plans for the future. "As soon as I complete some of the details of my work in Gary I will leave Gary," he said. "Although I have resigned as president of that body, it does not infer that I intend to give up the cause as I intend to keep on working in the behalf of labor."

Mr. Anderson's resignation was accepted at a recent meeting of the steel council, when business in connection with calling off the steel strike was disposed of and plans made for an educational campaign among the steel workers which will be carried on by the American Federation of Labor.

Industrious plans for the reorganization of the steel workers is to be taken up at a meeting of organizers and officers of the national committee at Pittsburgh Tuesday, Jan. 20, when American Federation of Labor organizers and presidents of the twenty-four international unions will meet.

The Chicago district, which includes Gary, will be represented.

DAN POP ESCAPES FROM PENAL FARM

East Chicago police have received word from authorities at the Indiana State Farm that Actavian Bargiovann, alias Dan Pop, who was sentenced to six months and a fine of \$500 in the East Chicago City Court on November 23, escaped from the farm on January 14. Pop was convicted for impersonating an officer and robbing an Indiana Harbor man of about \$100. He worked with the wife of a Winnetka, Ill., police officer.

DR. J. E. METCALF RESUMES PRACTICE

Dr. J. E. Metcalf who recently returned to Gary after 26 months of service in the U. S. Medical Corps, has opened offices in the new Orphanum Building at 345 Broadway where he will resume his former practice.

SERUM PLANE IS FORCED TO LAND NEAR BLACK OAK

Aviator Racing With Death Forced to Halt Flight At Noon.

Encountering engine trouble shortly after he took the air with his United States mail plane, bearing among other things the precious parcel containing a small tube of anti-toxin which it was hoped would save three lives in New York, Pilot Jack Knight was forced to make a landing in a field at Black Oak, seven miles south of Hammond. The landing was made at 12:15.

Knight immediately called THE TIMES by telephone for assistance in getting out of the predicament in which he was in touch with his superiors at Chicago. No damage was done to the plane in landing, but he was of the opinion that adjustments to the engine could not be made in time to resume the flight today.

Two new carburetors will be necessary and a repair crew from the United States aerial mail service at Chicago was dispatched at once to assist him.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—A United States mail plane, carrying a quantity of serum with which it is hoped to save the lives of three poisoned members of the Delbene family in New York left here at 11:30 a. m. today in a life and death race with death.

The airplane was four hours late in taking off here. The serum was produced in the laboratories of the University of Illinois, rushed here on an express train and put aboard the airplane.

Pilot Knight hoped to make Cleveland in three hours.

LAKE CO. "REDS" ALLOWED LIBERTY UNDER \$1000 BOND

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)
CROWN POINT, Ind., Jan. 17.—Furnishing \$1,000 bonds each eleven of the seventeen radical aliens, arrested in Lake county in the recent raids on Red headquarters and held for deportation, have been released.

Himself under heavy bonds in the federal court for contempt of court, Atty. Paul Glaser of Gary secured their release and today they are making the most of their brief respite. Release of the radical aliens was obtained through Judge Landis' court in Chicago. The majority of the aliens released reside in Gary.

The judge authorized the prisoners' admittance to bail and since Tuesday eleven releases have been secured. The bond money is not accepted in the county jail, it is said, as this phase of the transaction occurs entirely in Judge Landis' court.

FIRE LADDIES FIND CHILDREN IN PERIL
The Indiana Harbor fire laddies yesterday noon saved the children of Nick Shower from death by fire when they answered a call to find that the children had set fire to a mattress in the house while the parents were gone. The damage was slight.

MEN CAUGHT IN FLOOD OF BLAZING OIL AT REFINERY

Many in Hospital Suffering from Burns and Other Injuries.

Four men were burned to death by boiling oil and about fifteen others were injured yesterday afternoon, about 2:30 when a coke still exploded at the plant of the Sinclair Oil Refining Company in East Chicago. The shock of the explosion was noticeable in East Chicago and Whiting and was felt by some as far away as Hammond.

THE DEAD.
Andrew Bodney, Elschrupp avenue, Whiting.
Hugh Gibson, Chicago.
John Hornak, 4006 Todd avenue, East Chicago.
Albert Greening, 151 Logan street, Hammond.

THE INJURED.
John McFadden, South Chicago.
Nick Taylor, Whiting.
Walter Oliver, Whiting.
Lowell Cook, Whiting.
G. H. Miller, Robertsdale.
L. W. Wolfe, Whiting.
Fred Pavish, Whiting.
Fred Roehel, Whiting.
Dan Osherson, Whiting.
Joe De Vardina, Whiting.
L. H. Wolfe, Whiting.
De Vardina and Wolfe were able to return home after receiving treatment for minor injuries.

WITHOUT WARNING.
The explosion came without warning shortly after the still had been put into operation and gave the workmen no opportunity to escape from the shock of boiling oil which was scattered for yards in the neighborhood of the plant. High Gibson, a brick foreman employed by the Leonard Construction company in making repairs was working on the foundation of the still and was drenched with the boiling liquid which immediately caught fire. His identification card, which dropped from his pocket and in some manner escaped the flames, was the means of identifying what remained when the flames had been checked.

CAUSE UNCERTAIN.
The still had not been in operation during the morning, having been closed for cleaning out the coke. It is possible that some of the coke which was loosened lodged in one of the pipes and was the cause of the high pressure, which forced the end of the tank. Another possible cause is the belief that some workman failed to close a cock while the tank was being filled and the air entering before the steam was expelled caused the explosion. Those in front of the still were drenched with the hot oil and others near were struck by falling timbers and girders.

FIGHT FLAMES TWO HOURS.
Almost two hours were required before the company fire fighters were able to check the flames and a search could be started for the bodies of the victims. Andrew Rodney, a stillman, was found under the header of the tank which weighs about two tons. It is believed that he was killed by the blow and died before the flames started.

IDENTIFICATION DIFFICULT.
Identification of the dead was established only by a process of elimination and if other workmen are later reported missing much difficulty may be encountered in identifying two of the dead bodies which are charred beyond all hope of recognition. The seven injured men in St. Margaret's hospital are badly burned but they are all expected to recover. Four of the injured were allowed to leave the hospital and return to their homes in Whiting after receiving medical attention.

The bodies of the seven who were working in the adjacent still at the time of the explosion were blocked in and dug their way out, crawling out of the still almost two hours after the explosion occurred.

FUNERAL TUESDAY.
Albert Grueninger of 151 Logan st., Hammond, was thirty-one years old and leaves a wife and step-daughter, Miss Christina Goodwin. He was employed as a boilermaker at the plant. The body has been taken to the home of his mother, Mrs. Emma Grueninger, 16234 Avenue M, South Chicago, where the funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Local 429 of the Boilermakers Union and South Chicago Aeris No. 1358 of the Order of Eagles will participate in the services. Burial will be in Oak Hill cemetery at Hammond. Mr. Grueninger also leaves two brothers, William and Edward, of South Chicago, and two sisters, Mrs. Albert Weener and Mrs. Fred Zart.

IDENTIFIED BY WATCH.
Andrew Bodney, 25, of Whiting was identified by his watch, which was found on the charred body. In his case a pocket watch was found.

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